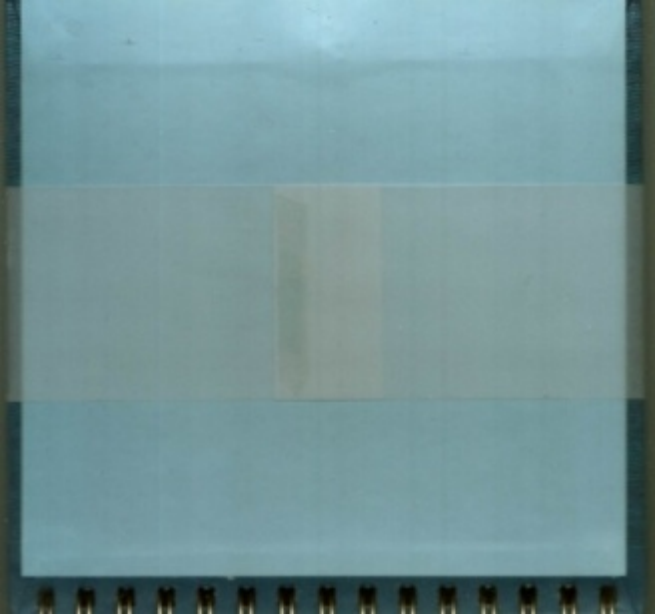


Thriving  
Is *Elegant*

Words of Inspiration from MAYA ANGELOU



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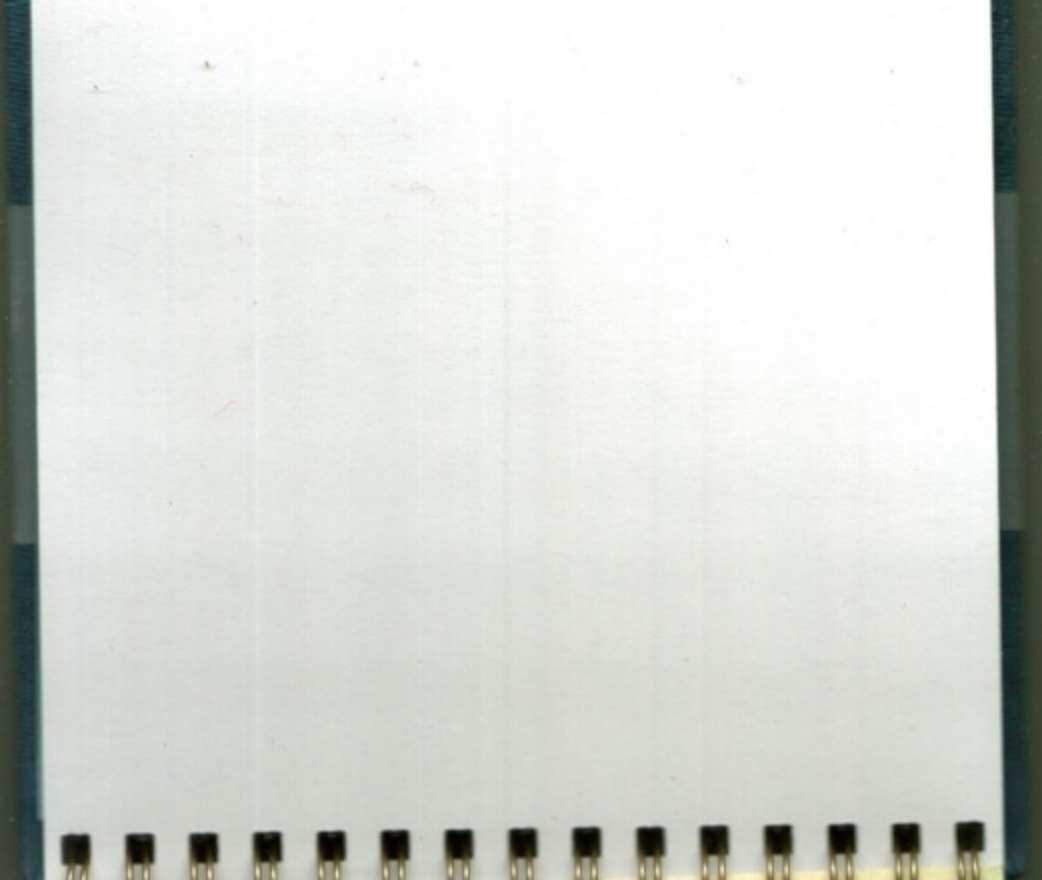
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The past is done

The future is not here yet -

TODAY is your eternity...

- Oprah Winfrey



Always,  
I hope to grow  
brighter, funnier,  
I hope to learn to be  
*even more* well-rounded.  
But right now,  
I cannot be any better  
*than I am.*

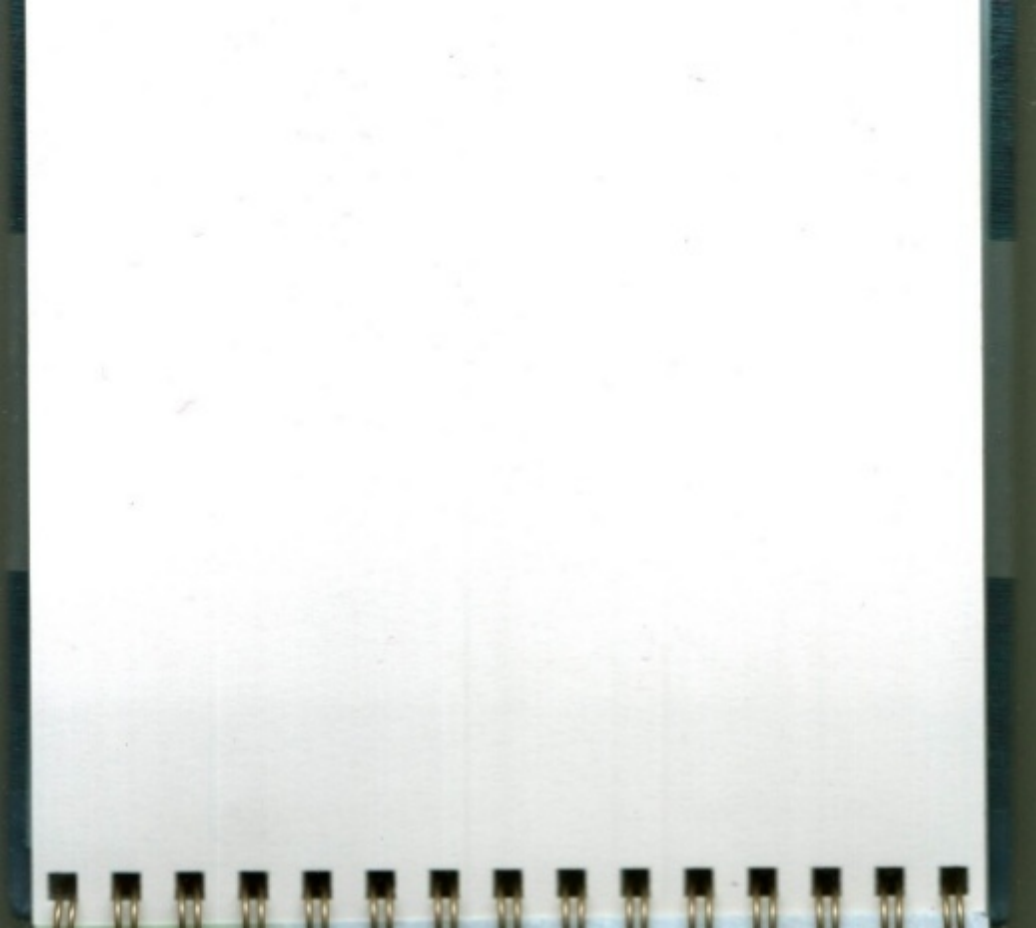
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I would like  
to be known  
as an *intelligent* woman,  
a *courageous* woman,  
a *loving* woman,  
a *woman who teaches*  
by being.

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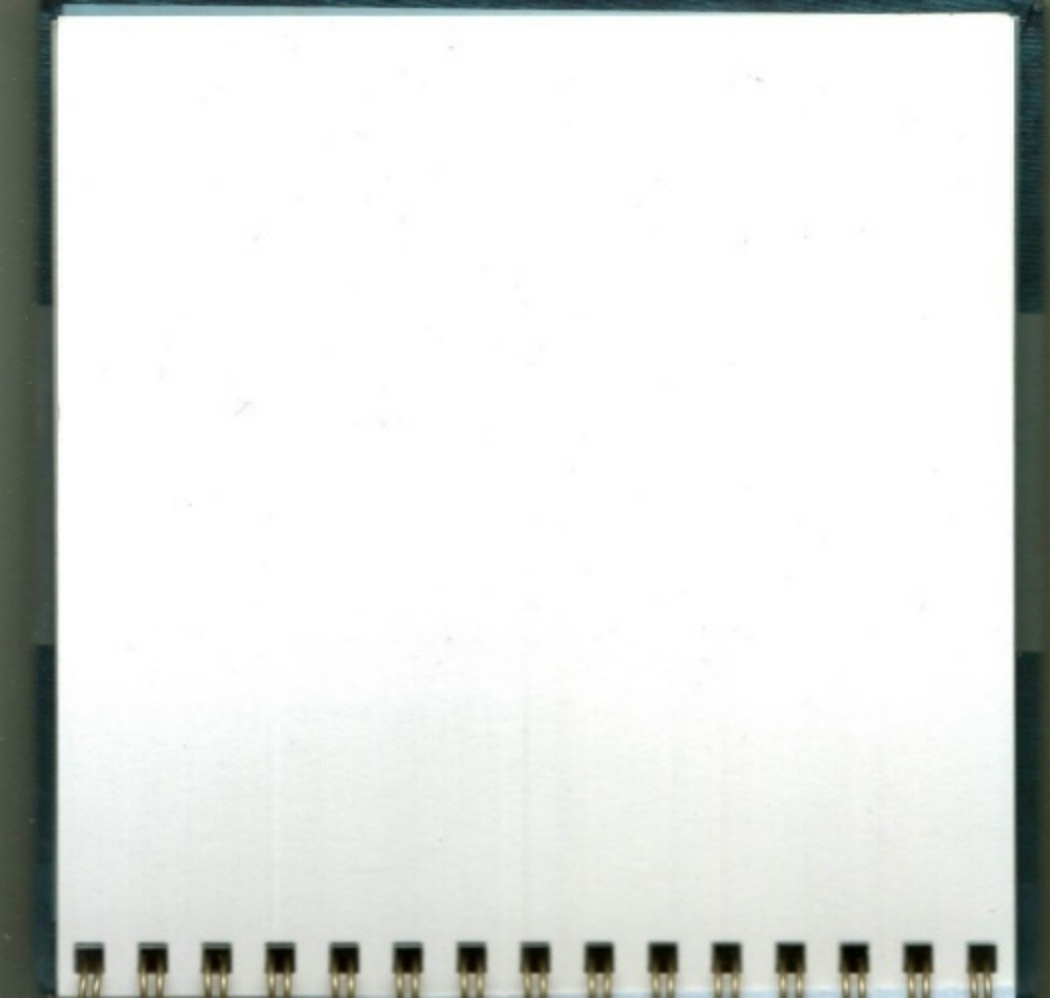






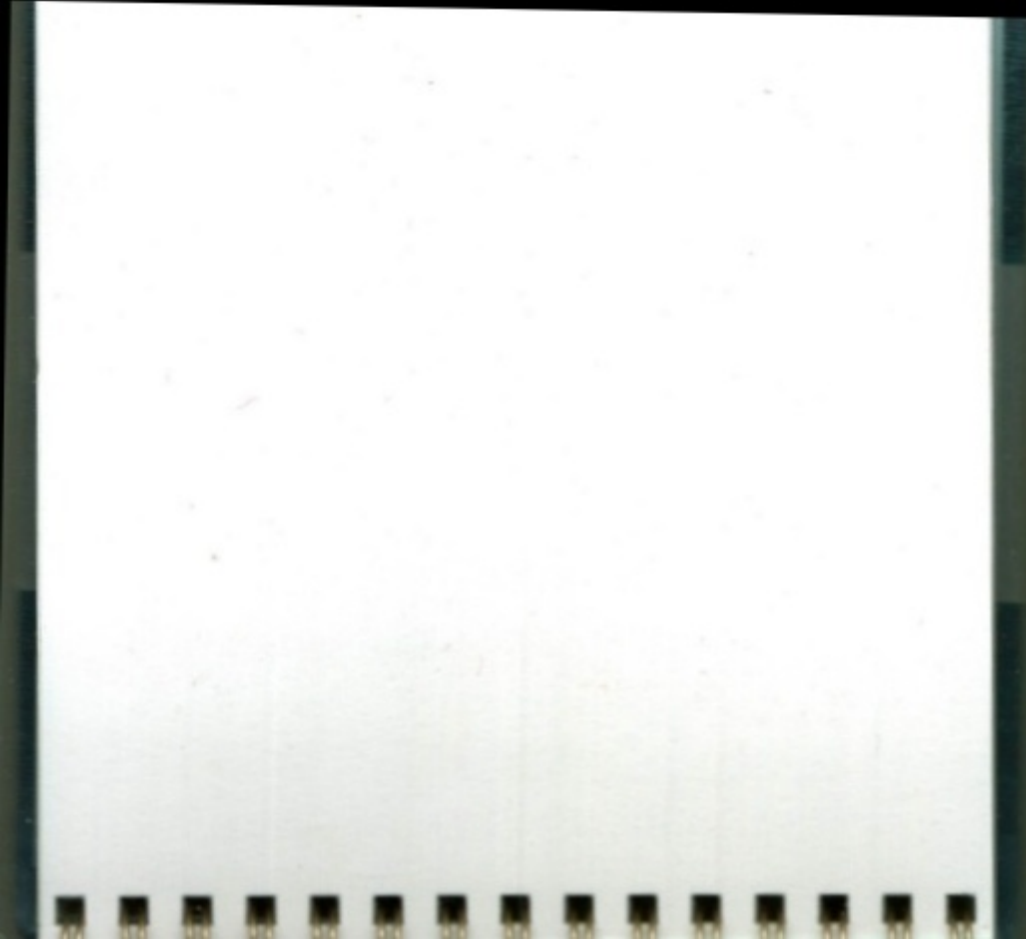
To have *courage*  
is not only  
admirable,  
it is  
*inspirational.*

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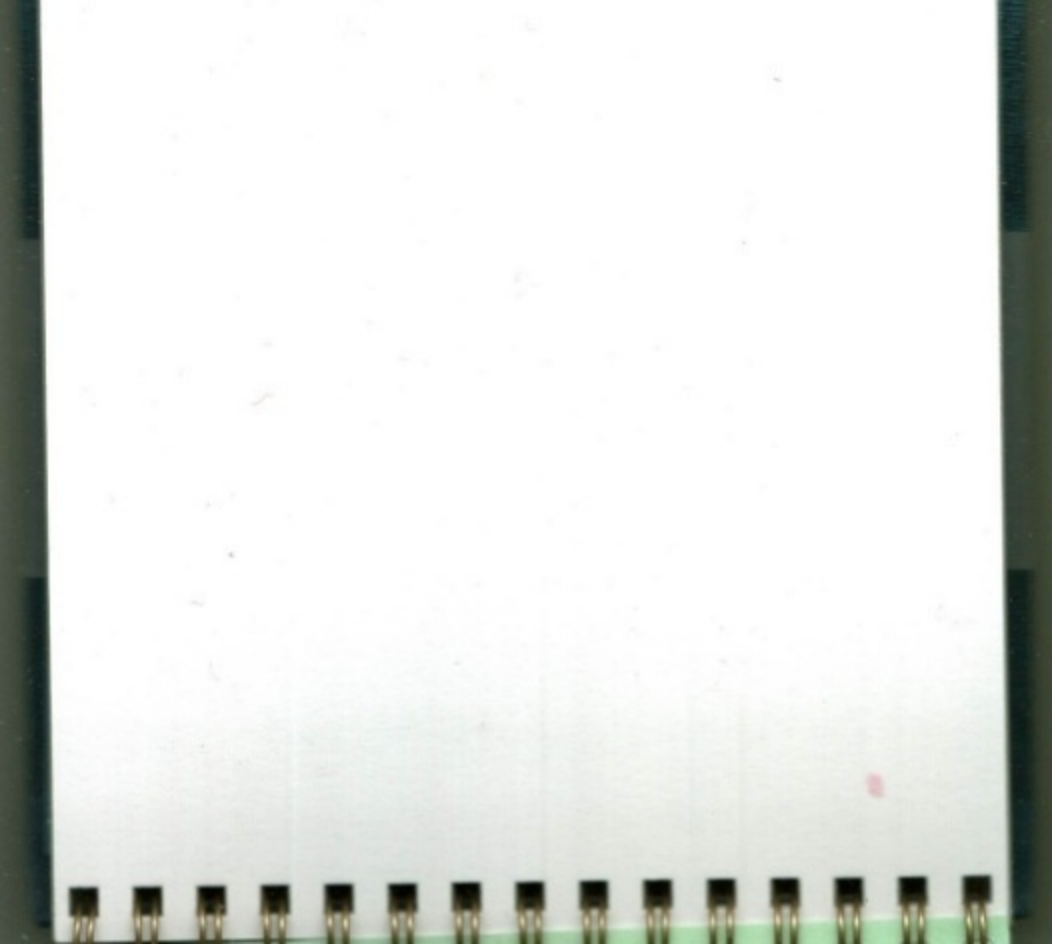
Each of us has the right  
and responsibility  
to assess the roads which lie ahead  
and those over which we have traveled,  
and if the future road  
looms *ominous* or *unpromising*  
and the roads back *uninviting*,  
then we need to *gather our resolve* and,  
carrying only the necessary baggage,  
*step off that road*  
into another  
direction.

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*I like the person  
I am becoming.*

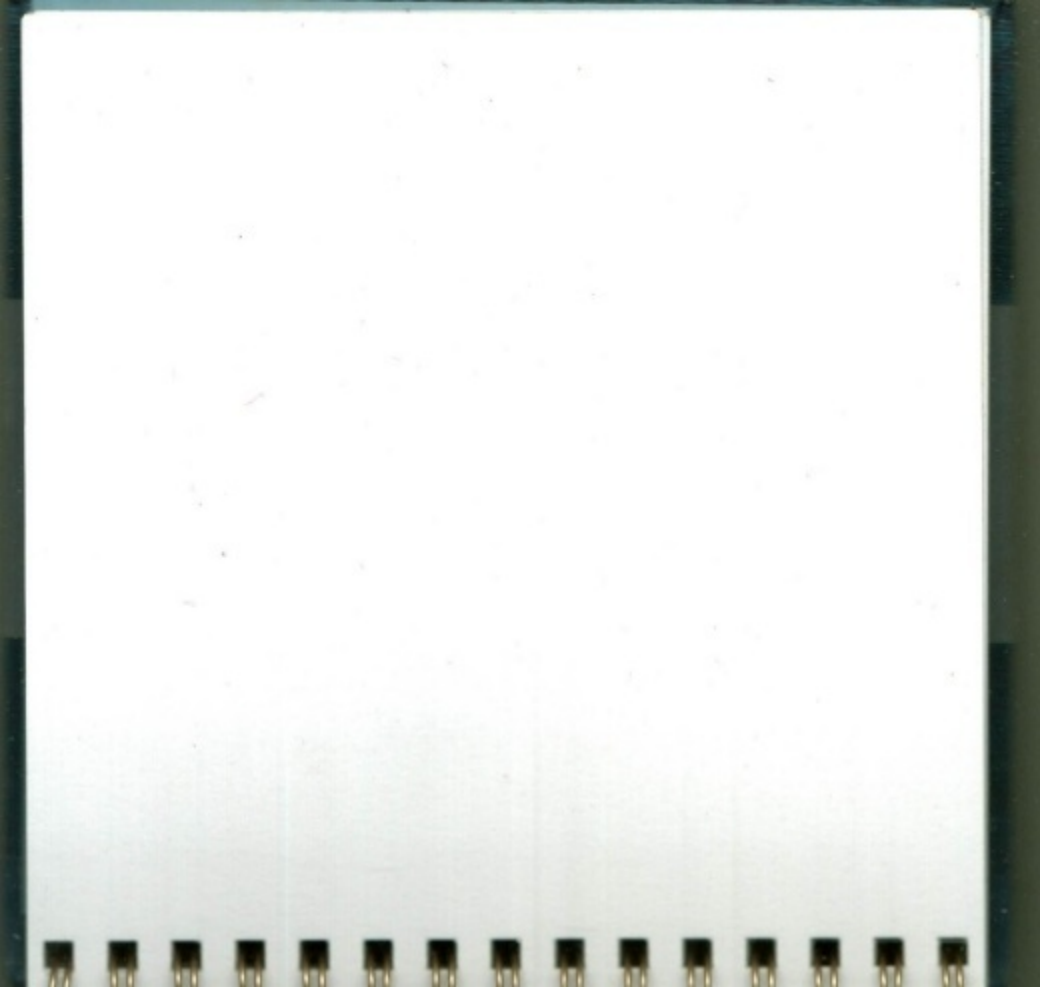
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Content  
is of great importance,  
but we must not  
underestimate  
*the value*  
*of style.*

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Someone was here before you,  
lost before you,  
ignored before you,  
and yet, *miraculously*,  
someone has survived  
with passion,  
compassion,  
and humor  
*and style.*

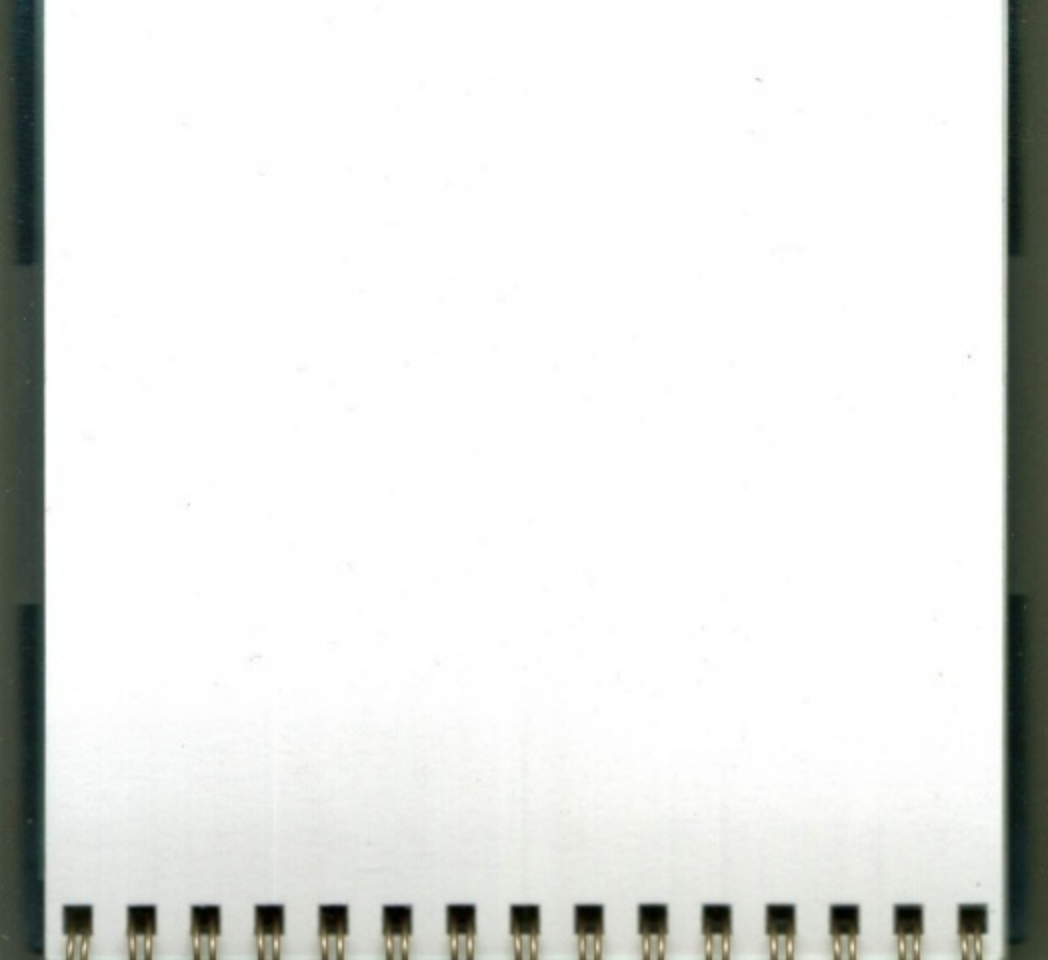
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I am *not* competing  
with anyone  
other than myself.

I want to be *excellent*  
at whatever I do.

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Each of us must  
*care enough*  
for ourselves  
to be *ready* and *able*  
to come to our own  
self-defense.

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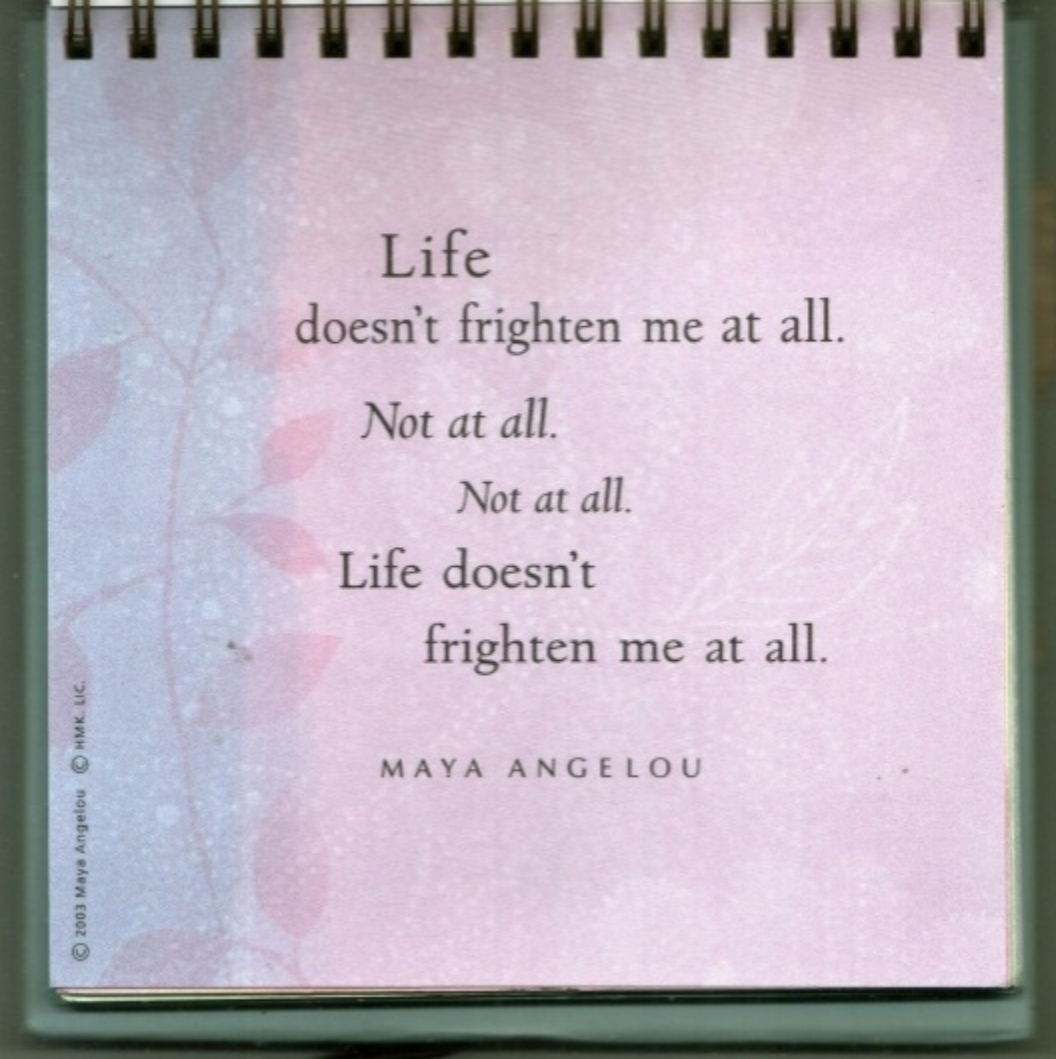




I don't ask anyone  
to *win my freedom*  
or to fight  
my battles  
*better than I can.*

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Life  
doesn't frighten me at all.

*Not at all.*

*Not at all.*

Life doesn't  
frighten me at all.

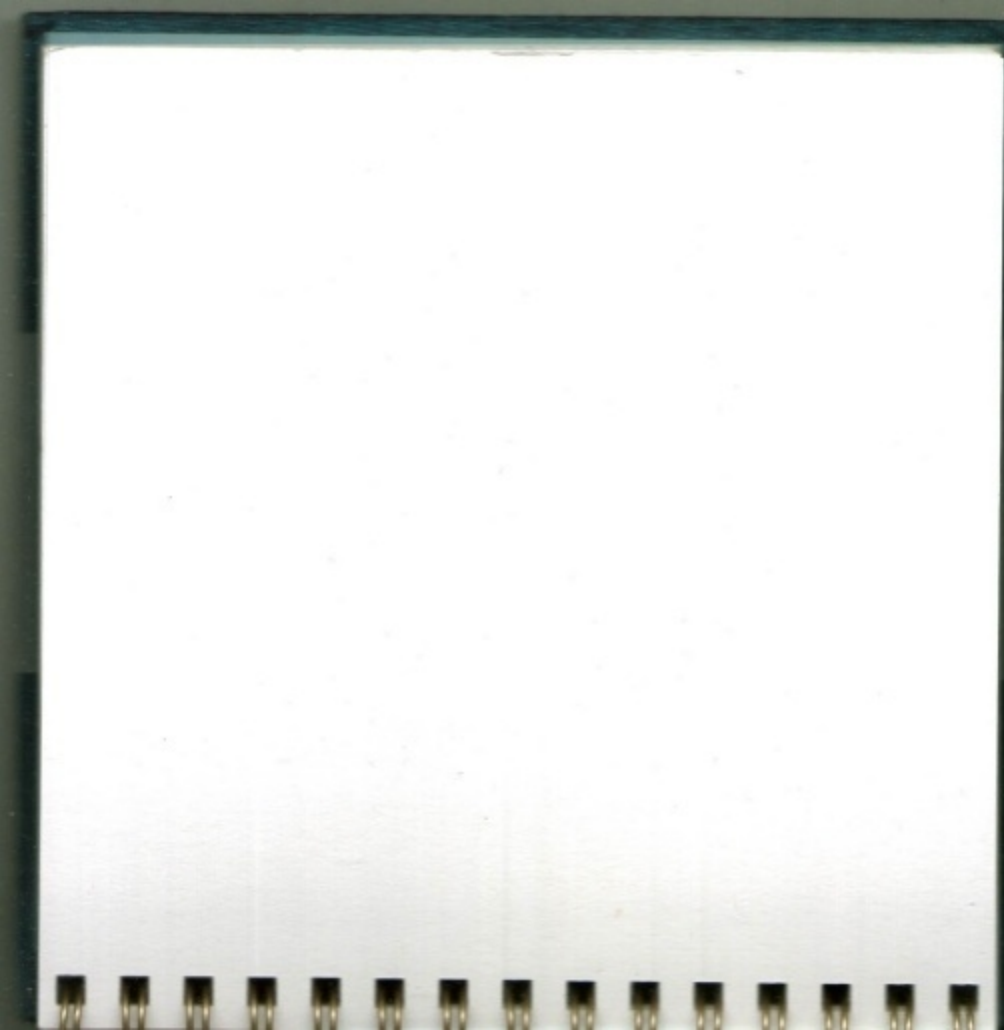
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I've heard it said  
that winter,  
too, will pass  
and spring a sign  
that summer  
is due at last.

*See, all we have to do  
is hang on.*

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You can  
neither  
*free me*  
nor bind me.

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I think a hero  
is any person  
*really intent*  
on making this  
a better place  
*for all* people.

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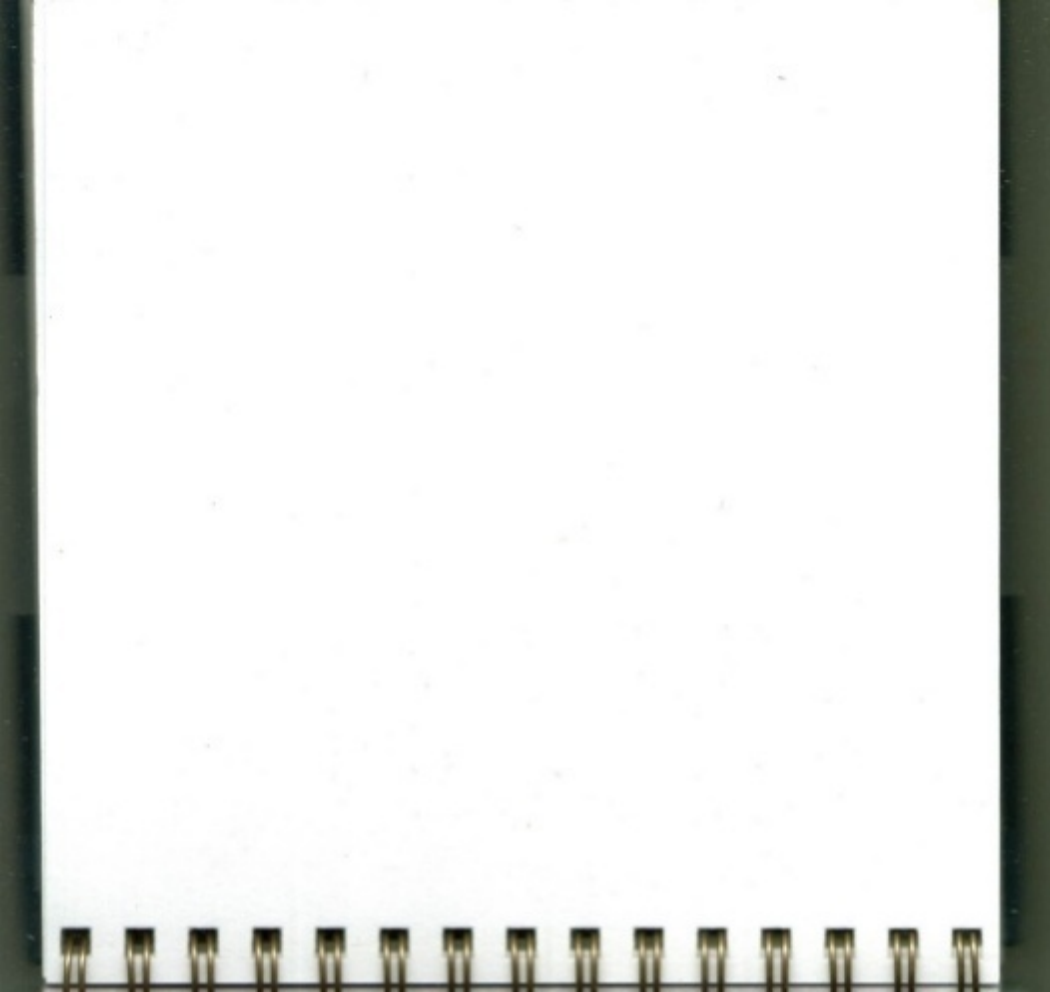
There is  
something  
*gracious*  
and *graceful*  
about serving.

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There is no argument  
that we humans,  
who *at our best*  
can create opportunities  
and at our worst  
can create havoc,  
*need time to rest.*

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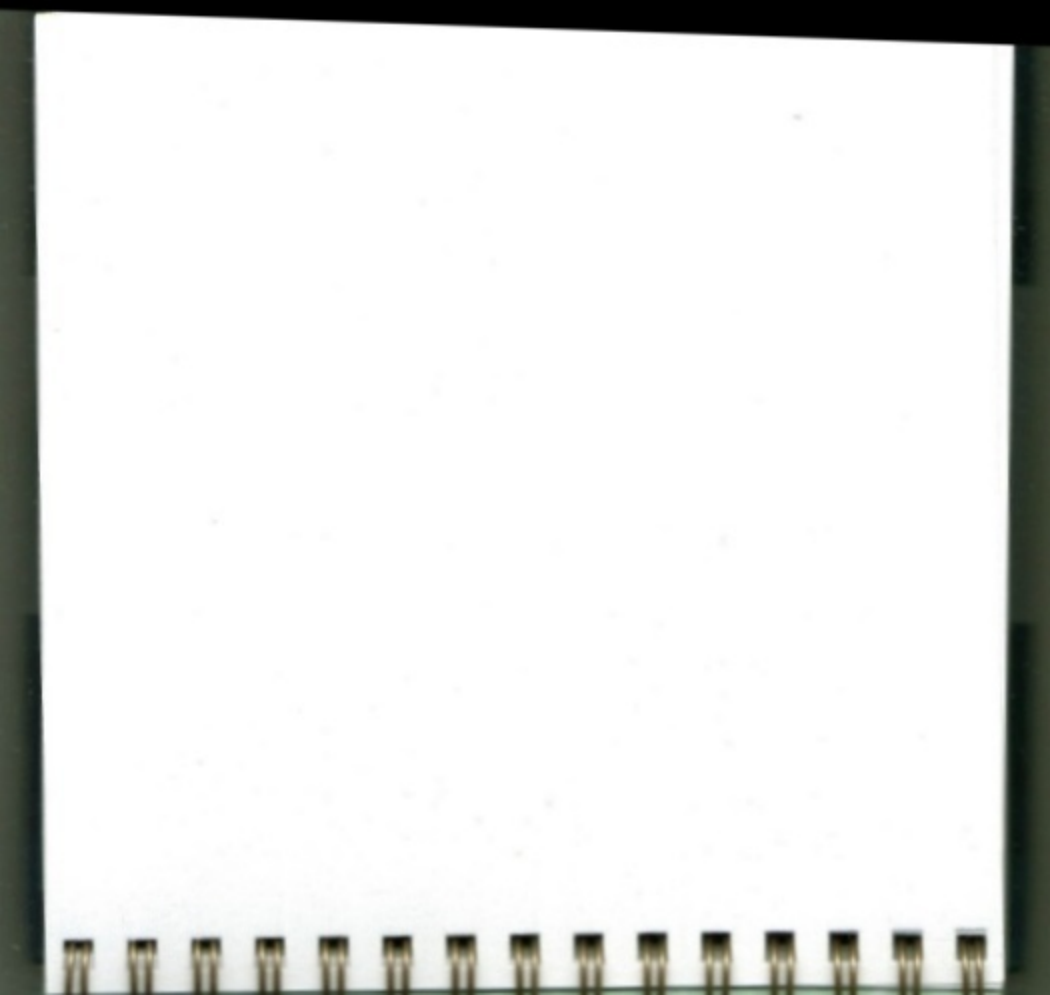
*In the course  
of staying alive,  
I always love to hear people laugh.  
I never trust people  
who don't laugh  
or who act as if they put airplane glue  
on the back of their hands and  
stuck them to their foreheads.*

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In order to survive,  
the *ample* soul  
needs refreshments  
and reminders daily  
of its right to be  
and to be  
wherever it finds itself.

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A city soul can find  
*sweet relief*  
in the country.

A country soul can find  
*welcome excitement*  
in the city.

We can all be *happier*  
if we *open ourselves*  
to new experiences.

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*Shine* on me,  
sunshine.

*Rain* on me, rain.

*Fall* softly, dewdrops,  
and cool  
my brow *again*.

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When we step away for a time,  
we are not being irresponsible,  
we are *preparing* ourselves  
to better perform  
our duties and obligations.

Sometimes *when we step away*,  
we return to find  
that important questions  
have been *answered*  
in our absence.

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My grandmother  
used to say,

“When you don’t like a thing,  
*change it.*”

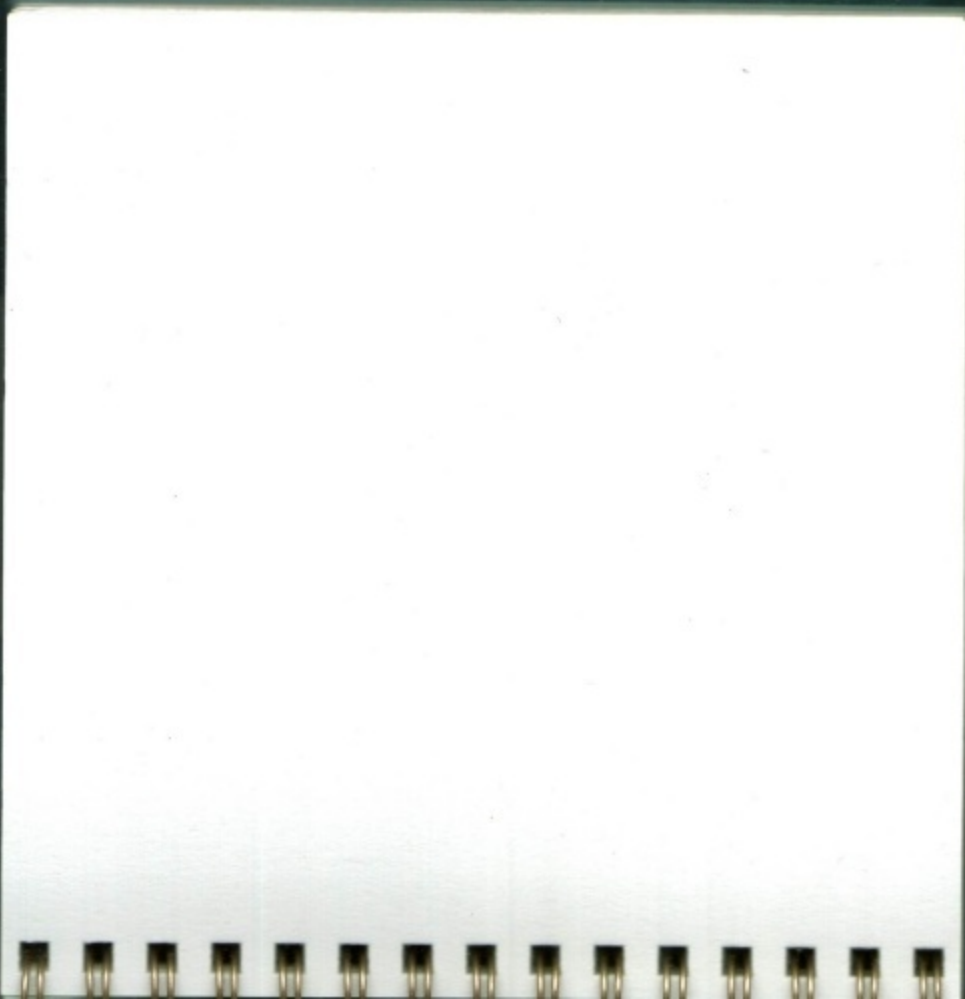
If you can’t change it,  
change the way  
you *think* about it.”

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Self-control  
is *true power.*

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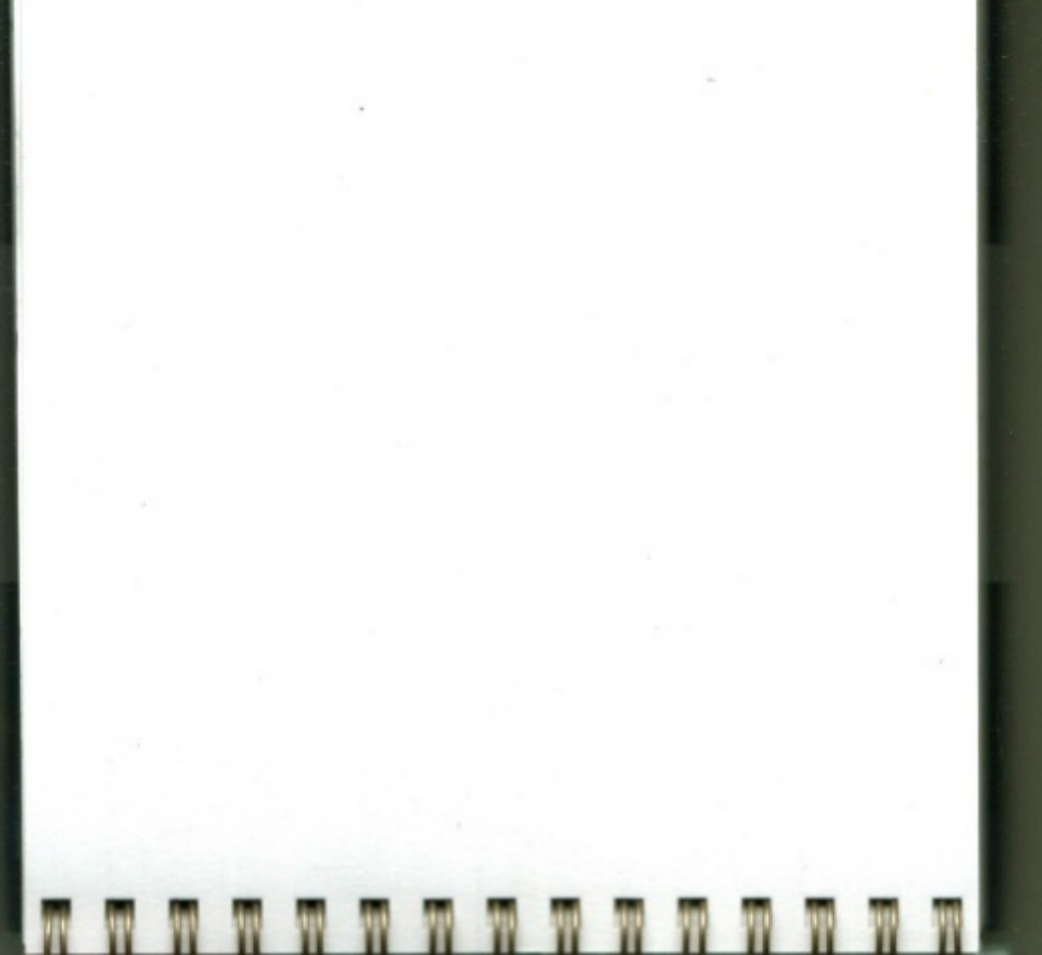





Strong women-  
*precious jewels all-*  
their humanness is evident  
in their accessibility.

We are able to enter  
into the *spirit*  
of these women  
and rejoice in their warmth  
and courage.

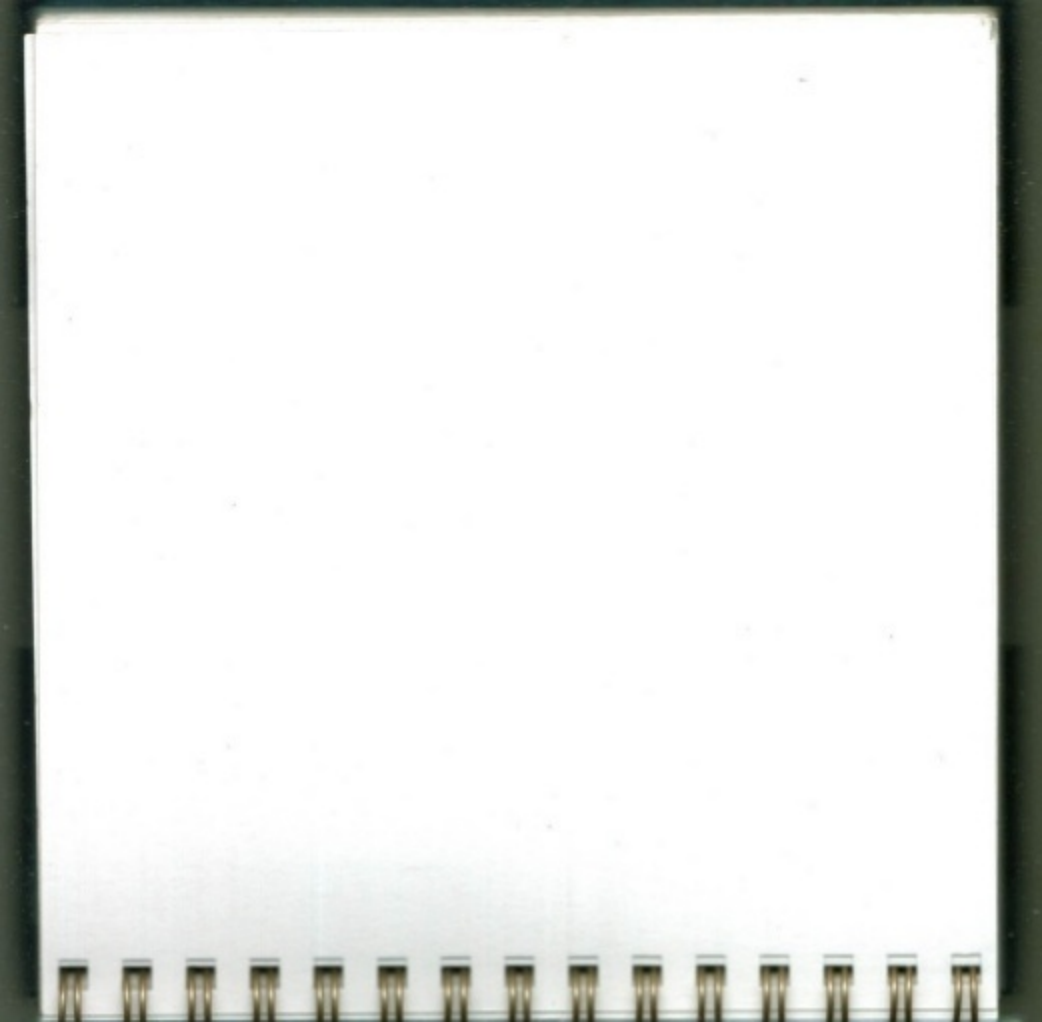
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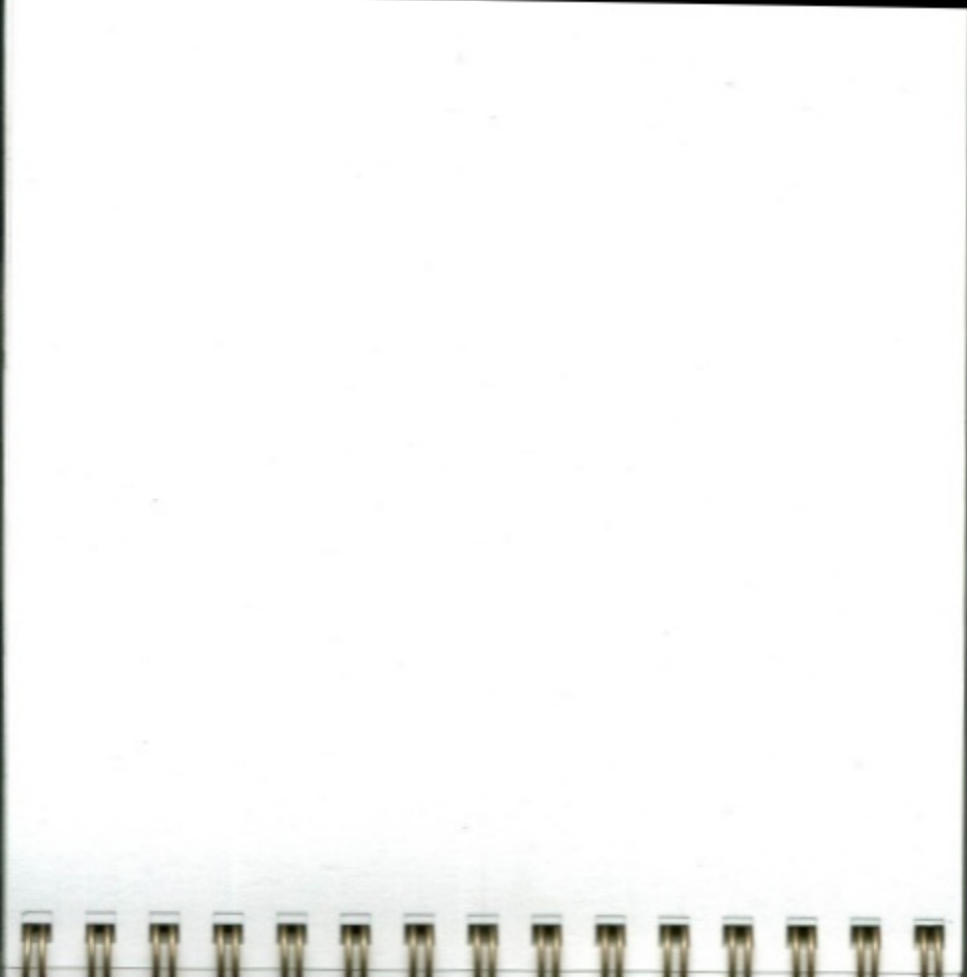
The woman warrior  
who is armed  
with *wit*  
and *courage*  
will be among the first  
to celebrate  
*victory.*

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Our elders—  
their smiles assure  
and reassure,  
*“Life is worth the living of it.  
Do it with your  
whole heart.”*

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To those  
who have given up  
on love,

*I say,  
"Trust life a little bit."*

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Living life  
as art  
requires a *readiness*  
to  
forgive.

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Since life  
is our most *precious* gift,  
let us be certain that it is dedicated  
to the *liberation*  
of the human *mind* and *spirit*...  
beginning with  
*our own.*

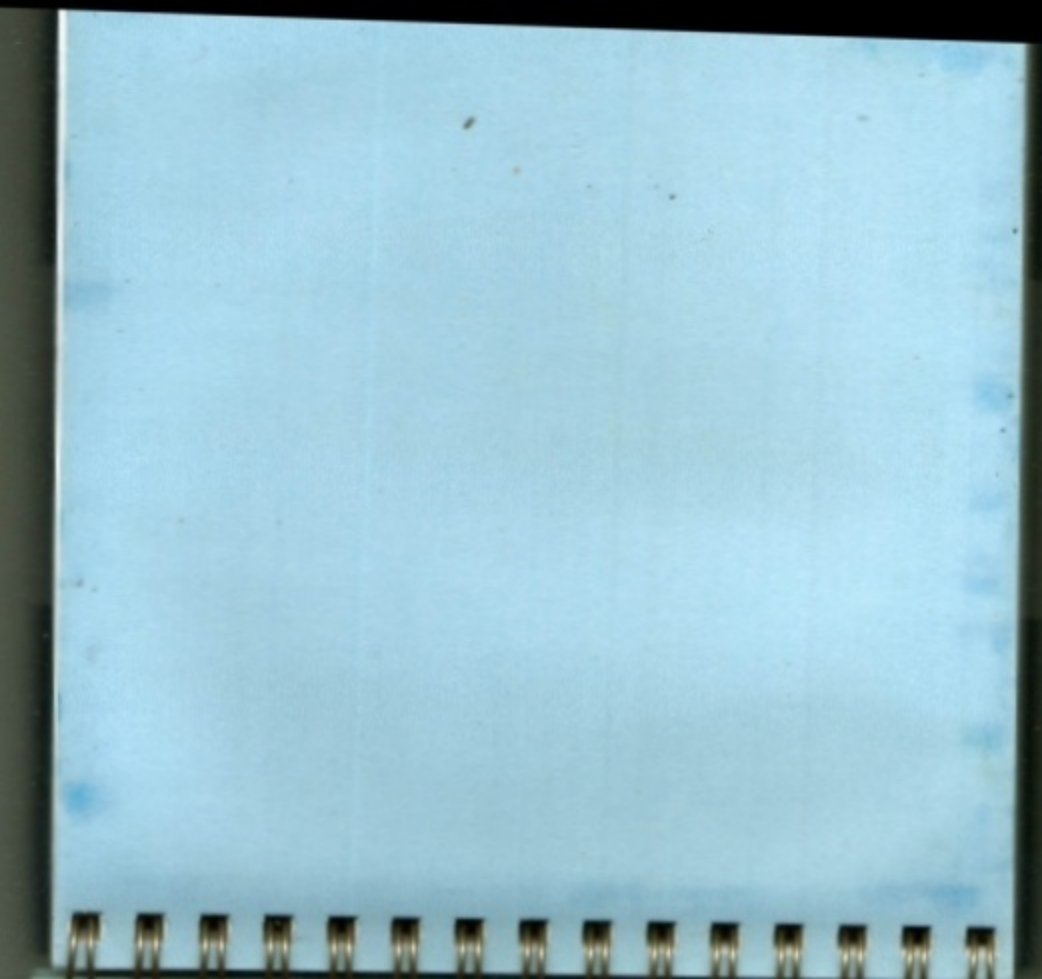
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When people show you  
who they are,  
Believe them ♡  
The first time ♡

— Maya Angelou —







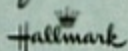
\* WHEN SUCCESS TURNS YOUR HEAD  
YOU'RE FACING FAILURE.

\* A CLEAR CONSCIENCE IS A  
SOFT PILLOW.

- I've learned that you shouldn't go  
through life with a catcher's mitt  
on both hands, you need to be  
able to throw something back.

- Maya Angelou -

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*Life Mosaic*

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